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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia, 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2002, please amend the above application as follows:

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Please replace the entire paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 5 of the application, as originally filed, with the following paragraph:

--~~Ueda, U.S. Patent # 5,784,931 (1998) shows a clipless bicycle pedal designed to engage a recessed cleat, having a spring loaded, rotatable tread cage surrounding the clipless binding. This design is a variation of the previous design of Hanamura, U.S. Patent #5,771,757, in attempting to provide contact between the tread cage and the shoe sole while the cleat is engaged with the binding mechanism. It is described, though not claimed, as providing a shoe resting surface for a cycling shoe when the cleat cannot be engaged, as encountered during many types of off-road bicycle racing. No figure shows a shoe sole being supported by the cage alone. Under any significant foot pressure, the~~